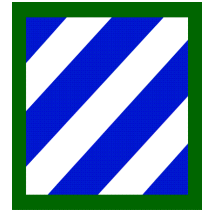


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DoD identifies 3rd Infantry Division casualties

FORT STEWART, Ga. (July 30, 2007) – The Department of Defense announced Sunday the death of three 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. They died July 26 in Saqlawiyah, Iraq of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle. They were assigned to the 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

Killed were:

Sgt. William R. Howdeshell, 37, of Norfolk, Va. A cavalry scout, he joined the Army in October 1996. He arrived at Fort Stewart in May 2006.

Spc. Charles E Bilbrey, Jr., 21, of Owego, New York. A cavalry scout, he joined the Army in July 2005. He arrived at Fort Stewart in March 2006.

Spc. Jaime Rodriguez, Jr., 19, of Oxnard, Calif. A cavalry scout, he joined the Army in November 2005. He arrived at Fort Stewart in July 2006.